

REMARKS

The Official Action of 19 January 2006 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application in view of the present submission is respectfully requested.

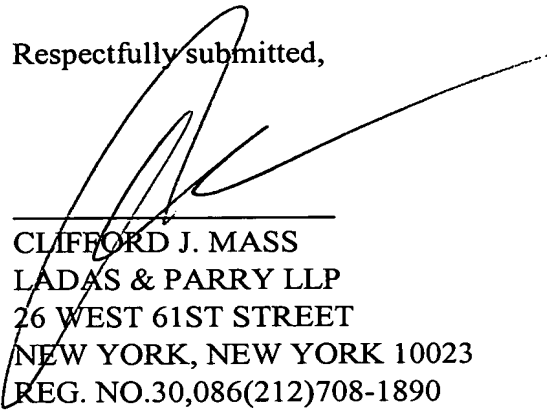
Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification, including abstract, in accordance with the Examiner's request at paragraph 4 of the Official Action. Applicants also submit herewith a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

The sole rejection remaining in this application is the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enablement. Nevertheless, the Examiner has courteously indicated that deposit of the recited strain would satisfy the enablement requirement of 35 USC 112, first paragraph and thereby overcome the rejection.

Applicants advise that a deposit of the strain has been made with a Budapest Treaty depository, and submit herewith a Statement of Biological Culture Deposit to this effect. With the submission of this Statement of Biological Culture Deposit, Applicants have met all the necessary criteria of the deposit rules in accordance with 37 CFR 1.801 to 37 CFR 1.809, including the criteria described on page 3 of the Official Action.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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